

People of CT.,

My name is Allan Golabek. I am a successful independent blind man living in Bethel ct. I'm a licensed massage therapist, blind water-ski champion and a mentor for many blind and visually impaired children. I am all of this because of the assistance of BESB. This agency is a well established(over 125 years) well trained and successful in working with the blind and visually impaired.

It would be a huge mistake, a very big mistake taking apart this agency. I could go on for paragraphs on the benefits of this agency. The mobility lessons, the training, the education of schools and colleges, and the vocational rehabilitation.

Please, find it in your hearts, use your intelligence, your power to fight thisbill (SB 1012). There are so many changes in the state, that can be made. But not this. It would cost more, much more to restructure a new division to help the blind and visually impaired, to become independent.

I want to make this short and to the point. Do not let this happen, this will be a big mistake. Please, call or email me for any questions. Sincerely, a very concerned CT. blind citizen

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